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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R :

Please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of
the amendment set forth below.

I. Amendment

A. In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method for using a computer system to arbitrate and
distribute communication over the Internet, the method including the steps of:
connecting a plurality of participator computers with a controller computer

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